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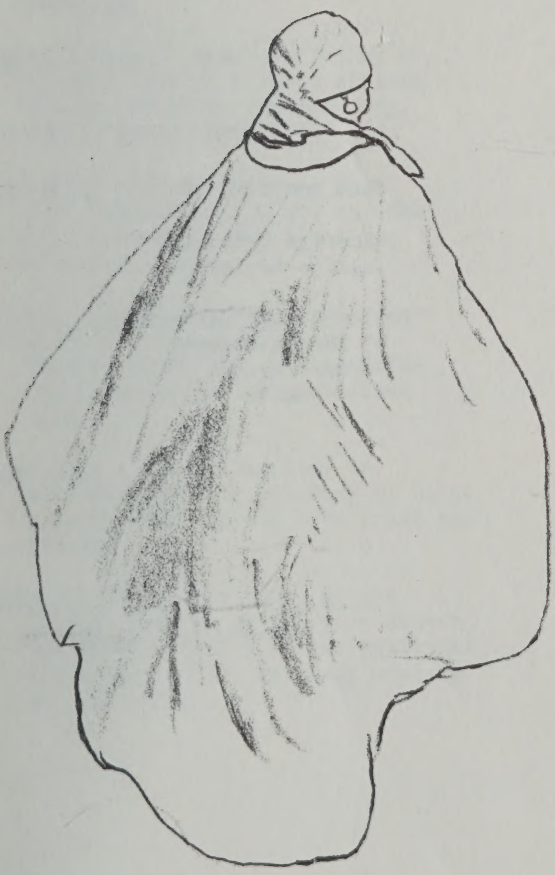

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AFRICA and the CARIBBEAN

Africans abroad - Graham W. Irwin, ed. A documentary history of the black diaspora in Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean during the age of slavery.

Biko - Donald Woods. The exiled South African newspaper publisher recalls Biko's leadership and tragic end.

Children of the revolution - Jonathan Kozol. Kozol analyzes the innovative Cuban school system and the drive to end adult illiteracy.

Cuentos - Kal Wagenheim, ed. An anthology of short stories from Puerto Rico.

Opaque shadows and other stories Charles R. Larson, ed. This collection of 13 short stories by Africans deals with today's problems.

Petals of blood - Ngugi Wa Thiong'o. An epic tale of a rural African village which is exploited by black "neo-colonialists". (F)

The return - Yaw M. Boateng. This novel combines love and revenge with slavery as practiced by Africans. (F)

Southern Africa stands up - Wilfred Burchett. The revolutions in Angola, Nambia and South Africa are examined in this ambitious work.

Steven Biko - Millard Arnold, ed. Biko outlines his ideology of black consciousness in his 1976 trial testimony.

Written in blood: the story of the Haitian people, 1492-1971 - Robert and Nancy Heinl. A unique political history by a U.S. military analyst and his wife.

BLACK EXPRESSION

And still I rise - Maya Angelou. A statement of one woman's determination to survive and grow.

Appalachee Red - Raymond Andrews. This award winning novel chronicles the lives of black residents of a small town in Georgia from 1917 to 1967. (F)

Blacks in classical music - Raoul Abdul. There are more blacks involved in classical music than most people know.

Conjuror's journal - Frances Shine. America's first native-born magician was the son of a slave. (F)

Cotton candy on a rainy day - Nikki Giovanni. Giovanni's best work reveals her personal maturity.

Giveadamn Brown - Robert D. Pharr. A saga of the black drug milieu in Harlem. (F)

Honkers and shouters: the rhythm and blues years - Arnold Shaw. R & B as "an indigenous black art form and style".

In my father's house - Ernest J. Gaines. The reappearance of an illegitimate son shakes the credibility of a civil rights minister. (F)

Nappy edges - Ntozake Shange. A collection of poetry by the author of "For Colored Girls ..."

The Laketown rebellion - Kristin Hunter. Inventive, determined and amusing residents of Laketown decide to sabotage a highway project. (F)

The making of jazz: a comprehensive history - James Lincoln Collier. Covers every style and movement from African tribal music to electronic varieties.

Marvin and Tige - Frankcina Glass. A streetwise black 11 year old and an aged white alcoholic form a mutual-aid society. (F)

Shrovetide in old New Orleans - Ishmael Reed. With a variety of images, Reed sketches multi-cultural America.

Shuckin' and jivin'- Daryl C. Dance, ed. "Folklore from contemporary black Americans".

Song of Solomon - Toni Morrison. Ms. Morrison won a National Book Critics Circle Award for her lyrical and spiritual story of a young black man's search for his identity. (F)

Those the sun has loved - Rose Jourdain. A black American family saga from the 1700's to the 1970's. (F)

The track to Bralgu - B. Wongar. Fantastic stories by an Australian aborigine show that the earth is an extension of body, soul and family.

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

The baby in the bottle: a review of the Edelin case - Dr. William Nolan. A provocative book that should be read by people on both sides of the abortion controversy.

Code name "Zorro", the murder of MLK, Jr. Mark Lane and Dick Gregory. Circumstances surrounding the death of King in Memphis point to collusion and cover-up.

Flavio - Gordon Parks. The sequel to Parks' famous Life photo-essay concerning a 12 year old boy and his destitute family.

A place on the corner - Elijah Anderson. The results of a graduate student's 3 years observation of a barroom on Chicago's South Side.

Voodoo and Hoodoo - Jim Haskins. An interesting sociological document investigating a unique tradition of black life.

HISTORY

Beautiful, also, are the souls of my black sisters - Jeanne Noble. A provocative history of black women, vis-a-vis, economics, politics and sex.

Black men of the sea - Michael Cohn and Michael Platzer. Chronicles black participation in exploration, whaling, fishing and nautical warfare.

Black odyssey - Nathan I. Huggins. "The Afro-American ordeal in slavery".

The Cotton Club - Jim Haskins. An illustrated history of the nightclub known as the "aristocrat of Harlem".

Golden age of black nationalism, 1850-1925 - Wilson J. Moses. A controversial history that suggests that certain leaders were assimilationists rather than separatists.

The heritage seekers - Israel J. Gerber. This study investigates the entire Black Hebrew movement and focuses on a Chicago-based sect.

In the matter of color - A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr. "Race and the American legal process: the colonial period".

My soul is rested - Howell Raines. The story of the Civil Rights movement in the deep South as told by a wide spectrum of participants.

A new deal for blacks - Harvard Sitkoff. "The emergence of Civil Rights as a national issue: the depression decade".

Prince among slaves - Terry Alford. An African prince returns home after 40 years of slavery in America.

Protest at Selma - David J. Garrow. "Martin Luther King, Jr. and the voting rights act of 1965".

Slave religion: the invisible institution in the antebellum South - Albert J. Raboteau. A survey of black religion from Africa through slavery.

Slow fade to black - Thomas Cripps. "The Negro in American film, 1900-1942".

PERSONALITIES

The best games of O.J. Simpson - Jim Baker. This exciting semi-biography gives new insight into the great running back.

Bill Pickett, Bulldogger - Bailey Hanes. The biography of a black cowboy who was the first black to be elected to the Cowboy Hall of Fame.

Brother Ray: Ray Charles' own story - Ray Charles and David Ritz. A candid and earthy description of Charles' victory over poverty, blindness and drugs.

Ethel Waters: I touched a sparrow - Twila Knaack. In 1957, when she joined the Billy Graham Crusade, Miss Waters' life entered a new phase.

Fats Waller - Maurice Waller and Anthony Calabrese. A biography of the legendary composer of "Honeysuckle Rose", "On the Sunny Side of the Street" and other tunes.

I choose black: the crusade of Charles Waddell Chesnutt - Frances Richardson. A study of the life and work of a neglected but great humanitarian.

Joe Louis: my life - Joe Louis. The autobiography of the "Brown Bomber".

Josh Gibson - William Brashler. The life story of the "Babe Ruth" of the Negro baseball leagues.

A lonely rage - Bobby Seale. The autobiography of the former chairman of the Black Panther Party evokes the struggle of poor blacks.

The man who beat clout city - Robert McClory. Renault Robinson, a black Chicago policeman, established the Afro-American Patrolmen's League.

My life and the beautiful game - Pele. "The autobiography of Pele".

Nigger in the window - Helen Lee. Although discrimination shaped her life, it did not decrease her capacity to enjoy it.

Portia - Ruth Ann Stewart. "The life of Portia Washington Pittman, the daughter of Booker T. Washington".

Scott Joplin - James Haskins with Kathleen Benson. Haskins evokes the man, the music and the era.

Soul on fire - Eldridge Cleaver. Covers the events leading to Cleaver's return to the U.S. and his conversion to Christianity.

Standing up - Rev. Jesse Jackson with Bryant Rollins. Jackson feels that it is time for all Americans to stand up and make the most of God-given abilities.

They call me the Big E - Elvin Hayes and Bill Gilbert. A biography of the great basketball star.

The winner names the age: a collection of writings - Lillian Smith, Michelle Cliff, ed. Smith, white, Southern and genteel, spoke out passionately against racism and prejudice.

Zora Neale Hurston: a literary biography - Robert Hemenway. A stunning biography of one of the most prolific and least known of the Harlem Renaissance writers.